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Dr. Irving S. Shiner, '37, represented the Alumni Association as official host at an eminently successful cocktail party at the Tavern on the Green in New York City on June 23.

Held in conjunction with the Convention of the American Medical Association, the party was attended by upwards of 300 alumni from throughout the country, many of whom brought their wives and children. There was free parking all day for those alumni of the College who wished to attend the AMA convention preceding the cocktail party.

Costs of the entire party were underwritten by the insurance firm of Adams & Sass Associates of New York City.



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# Cap, Gown and Mace

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Commencement at New York Medical College has always been one of the annual events of New York academic life since 1860. Early in the history of the College, commencement exercises were held at Chickering Hall, Town Hall, Carnegie Hall, the old Waldorf-Astoria, New York Academy of Medicine and now again at Carnegie Hall.

One of the most impressive aspects of the exercises is the march to the dais by the professors, department heads and faculty of the college and few, if any, are the spectators in the commencement audience who are completely aware of the significance of the robes worn by the participants.

The academic costume worn is a direct survival from medieval days and can be traced to a form of clothing retained by clerics and adopted in the early universities to distinguish scholars from the lay community. There is good reason to believe that the gown served an additional purpose, namely for warmth to the cleric and scholar in unheated buildings. The close-shaven head may have been covered by the hood of the gown, subsequently superseded for that purpose by the skull cap. This was followed by a head dress (cap) closely resembling the various caps seen at different universities. To this day, academic dress at Cambridge and Oxford is under University Control, and is exacting to the minutest detail.

The nineteenth century saw much confusion and discrepancy in academic costume among the colleges in America, so that a system of academic dress was formally adopted in the United States in 1895 and revised in 1932. A Committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies appointed by the American Council on Education in 1959, again reviewed in the costume code and made subsequent changes. In response to numerous requests from colleges, the committee also prepared the Academic Ceremony Guide.

## GOWN IDENTIFIES WEARER

The academic gown has certain characteristics which aid in identification, for the gown shows the academic rank of the wearer. Thus, the undergraduate wears a plain gown of black stuff. The bachelor's gown is similar except that it has long, pointed sleeves; the master's gown is usually silk and has sleeves closed at the end and a slit to pass the arm; the doctor's gown is of silk faced with velvet, with three velvet bars on bell-shaped sleeves of a color indicating the particular field of learning. For example, theology would have three scarlet



*Future doctors and their teachers face each other at the start of a typical Commencement.*

velvet bars; law, purple; philosophy, dark blue; science, golden yellow; medicine, green.

With the gown is worn a hood. Hoods are made of the same material as the gown, the length varying with the degree. They are lined with the official colors of the college. At New York Medical College, these colors are *crimson* and *gold*. The border of the hood may be of silk, satin, or velvet, the color again indicating the discipline to which the degree pertains (medicine, *green*).

In general, the academic procession varies in custom in different institutions. In our college, the procession is led by the College Mace (The Mace, at present a symbol of authority, had its origin as a medieval weapon, when it consisted of a stout club ending in a metal ball, usually spiked.) and Bearer; the American Flag, the President of the College and Honored Guest; the Board of Trustees; the Fifty-Year Class; the Faculty of the College; the Flag of the College and the Members of the Graduating Class.

The officers of Commencement consist of (1) Grand Marshal, (2) Mace Bearer, (3) Marshal of the Fifty-Year Class, (4) Marshal of the Faculty and Marshal of the Graduating Class.



*Dr. Ralph E. Snyder, President and Dean, reading the citation during conferment of an Honorary Degree on Dr. George Packer Berry, Dean of Harvard Medical School, during 1965 commencement exercises.*



It is of singular interest to note that early American academic processions of medical colleges, were led by the Janitor. Apparently the position of a College Janitor was of importance and one not to be ignored. Speert, in writing of the early days of American Medical Colleges, describes the first public commencement of the College of Physicians and Surgeons: "... led by the College *Janitor* (italics mine) and including 'students of medicine, candidates for graduation, members of the College, the Professors, President and Vice-President, the Trustees of Columbia College, the Chancellor and Regents of the University, the Reverend Clergy of different denominations, Physicians, Gentlemen of the Hall to the Brick Presbyterian Church.'" The name Enos Hall, 'Janitor' appears in our very early catalogues (1870-1871) listed among the names of the faculty of the College, with equal distinction and prominence.

Following the preliminary procession is the commencement ceremony which essentially consists of the conferring of degrees and the commencement address. The commencement address precedes the conferring of degrees and is usually delivered by an outstanding citizen of local or national fame (at times of international fame). Following this is the administration of the Hippocratic Oath. NYMC is one of the few schools to still maintain this ancient procedure and it always is a stimulating sight.

Out of 96 United States and Canadian Medical Schools only seven administer the classical Oath of Hippocrates. Including these seven, only 21 of the 96 gave any variant (classical or modern) of the Hippocratic Oath.

It is quite true that an analysis of the Oath definitely reveals obsolete concepts such as at the very beginning, "I swear by Apollo and by all the gods and goddesses": this could possibly be interpreted as pagan and sacrilegious by Christians, Jews and Moslems.

Still another criticism advanced has been that the original Oath makes students promise to share substance with their teachers and to teach the art to their teacher's children. Obviously modern physicians are not expected to assume financial responsibilities of their old teachers.

## CRITICISMS ATROPHY OATH

"I will not cut for stone" is a part of the oath that should arouse some hesitancy amongst aspirant urologists. One literal translation is that originally the oath promised to refrain from any form of surgery (cutting) "... not even to cut persons laboring under the stone."

Indeed there are many other objections. The slow atrophy of the traditional oath unfortunately, will definitely progress to complete elimination, and the vanishing oath will only be recorded in essays of a historical nature.

The conferment of degrees is performed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees assisted by the Dean and President of the College. Following this is the award of Gold Diplomas to the surviving members of the 50-year class. Honorary Degrees are awarded and usually the recipient is the one who gives the commencement address. After the Hooding Ceremony and Academic Award presentation, the procession enters into the recessional.



# Residency Program: Tempering the Steel

BY HARVEY COOPER, M.D.

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The residency program in medicine at the College is intimately related to the department itself, and can be assessed intelligently only in terms of this relationship. Both the full time and voluntary staffs are charged with the responsibilities of the teaching program; faculty expansion resulting in increased scope and depth of program. The training ground encompasses all the facilities of the college, the Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, Metropolitan and Bird S. Coler Hospitals. This combination of faculty and facilities has served to provide the resident staff with both the proper intellectual approach to patient care and the technical ability to manage diverse disorders. The program provides eighteen months of general medicine and eighteen months of subspecialty training. In addition, the opportunity to combine post doctoral medical training with graduate work in the basic sciences in preparation for a career in research is available through cooperation with the basic science departments of the college. The complex nature of the training program reflects the equally complex socio-economic situations of the residents, themselves.

The rapid rate of growth of the department in the last several years has resulted in a broad expansion of teaching facilities and personnel, particularly in the subspecialty areas. There are now more than fifty full

time and three hundred voluntary attending physicians on the staff. The completion of the Cohen Research Building has provided the staff with the largest privately owned medical research facility in this country. This building and its facilities have fostered the



*Five years have passed since Dr. Harvey Cooper, author of the accompanying article, recited the Hippocratic Oath.*



## *"Once Embarrassed . . . Forever Prepared"*

development of broad research programs in all subspecialty areas. In addition, these faculty members provide both basic science and clinical teaching, combined to allow fuller understanding of the basic pathophysiologic processes of disease and its management. Most recently, the full time faculty has been integrated into the ward attending program at all the hospitals served by the department. In addition, there is now a daily program of clinical seminars in all subspecialty areas. During a work week averaging one hundred hours, approximately twenty hours are spent in conference or on teaching rounds.

The first year program entails ten months in general medicine and two elective months. The wards of Metropolitan Hospital and the Bird S. Coler Hospital are the sites of the general medicine segment. The elective period serves to introduce the first year resident to a subspecialty in which he may later desire to spend more time or to concentrate on an area in which he feels particularly weak. In the second year the resident spends six months in general medicine, four at the Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals and two in the Metropolitan Hospital Emergency Room, and six months in subspecialties. The third year provides the most varied program of all. It can be spent in general medicine, as chief resident; in one subspecialty; in two equally divided subspecialty programs; combined with a fourth year in a two year fellowship program; or in basic science in a combined M.D.-Ph.D. program. As one can see, the resident can prepare himself for a career in practice, teaching, research or any combination of these he desires.

The teaching philosophy of the department, as it seems to me, is that of providing not only the technical skills necessary to the practice of medicine, but to instill the means of approaching clinical problems in their broad aspects, allowing both efficient and intelligent patient care. The amalgamation of the basic science and clinical faculties has served to provide both an understanding of the basic mechanisms of

disease and the management of disease in terms of the patient as a functioning human being. While the resident is largely a recipient of the teaching program, he is also a teacher. Now, as before, the resident finds himself a teacher to his intern and the senior resident to his junior counterpart. This aspect is largely informal, invariably off the cuff, and usually directly related to a particular patient and his problem. The site is not the classroom, rather the time-honored place of the bedside or the unlikely situation of the dinner table, the elevator, the corridor or the plain old bull session. The challenge of the intern's searching question remains a potent stimulus to thought and study, often sending us scurrying to the library to check a forgotten or totally unknown point. To be once embarrassed is to be forever prepared.

The increasing complexity of medicine has made residency more a necessity than a luxury. In addition, the socioeconomic milieu in which we find ourselves adds to the complexity. More than one third of us are married and have the responsibilities of family in addition to our responsibilities in medicine. Our ultimate decisions of careers, practice, solo vs. group, teaching, research, combinations of these reflect individual evaluations of these complex situations in terms of our own needs as individuals, physicians, husbands and fathers. Financial problems still represent our greatest obstacles although salaries have improved markedly in recent years, ranging from \$4200-\$5000 yearly. An additional allowance of \$840 yearly is given married residents. Savings, loans and family represent the major sources of additional income. Since eighty to one hundred and twenty hours of the one hundred fifty eight hours of the week are spent on duty at the hospital, family time, to say the least, is limited. While the necessity of residency tends to minimize our problems, we all look forward to the end. We are not so naive as to believe that our problems will end, merely anxious to tackle new problems. This in fact is not the end, just the beginning.



# ENTHUSIASM UNLIMITED

## *the Parents' Council*

BY NEIL CARTER

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*Parents take a "fresh-air" break at the College during a September General Meeting.*

**"M**y wife and I will always regret it. We feel that we lost years of opportunity and pleasure."

The Father of a senior student was the author of that remark. He had attended the organizational meeting of the Parents' Council when his son was scheduled to enter New York Medical College as a freshman. He indicated his desire then to become an active participant. But in the years that passed, he never became active in this unique organization.

Over those years, letters have come into the College from other medical schools asking about the Parents' Council and the formula that has made it successful when so many other like organizations have failed.

The single feature that would make the activities of this group so outstanding is its constant devotion to the aims and principles of New York Medical College since that day in January, 1960 when Dr. Ralph E. Snyder, President and Dean, invited all parents to attend an open meeting to discuss the development of the College and to meet members of the faculty.

The meeting was addressed by Frederic W. Lincoln, then Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Snyder, who suggested formation of a Parents' Council. He voiced the hope that the Council would become a

bulwark of support for New York Medical College. That afternoon a volunteer organization group was formed by the parents who selected the following Steering Committee: George Seuffert, Chairman; Max Berkowitz, Mrs. Sidney Brenner, Neil Carter, Sidney Cohen, Vincent Cooney, Jacob Hershon, Mrs. Sidney Rosenfeld, Jack Saphier, Mrs. Sylvia Ullman.

The Steering Committee nominated a slate of new officers with the hope that whenever possible, the Pres-



*The College auditorium is crowded with parents for a special musicale.*



# A Constant Will to Serv

ident should be a senior parent. Dr. Snyder, who conceived the Council, has been friend, advisor and guide, has participated in all of its activities and attended virtually all of its meetings. On March 27, 1960, the first set of officers were elected: George Seuffert, President; Sidney Cohen, First Vice President; Vincent Cooney, Second Vice President; Neil Carter, Treasurer; and Mrs. Ruth Brenner, Secretary.

The Board of Directors were: Max Berkowitz, Jacob Hershon, Mrs. Sidney Rosenfeld, Mrs. Sylvia Ullman, Jack Saphier, Jack Skollar, Mrs. Dorothy Hendler and Michael O'Connell. A tour of the college followed this March, 1960 meeting and tours have been held at each September open meeting ever since with members of the Student Senate acting as guides.

This meeting also decided that membership would consist of any parent of former and present students of the College. Parents of future students become eligible upon admission of the student. A membership card is automatically mailed to all parents. The Council strives to inform its members of the present and future programs, projects and plans of the College, and is so designed that it may easily organize itself in order to engage in the necessary activities.

Chief executives of the Council since the initial election have been: Sidney Cohen, Second President elected in September, 1960, who served from September, 1960 to September, 1961. With a second son later admitted to the College, Mr. Cohen became eligible to serve a second term for the period, 1963-64. Vincent Cooney was elected on September 16, 1961 and served until September, 1962. Neil Carter followed for the period, September, 1962-63. Present presiding officer is Mrs. Ella Scher and her term is September, 1964-65.

Over the years, some questions have been raised by a very few people as to whether there was a lack of propriety in parents becoming active in a post-graduate school, whether the Council was nothing but a P.T.A. and whether it was just a clever gimmick designed solely for fund raising purposes. The principles, activities and experiences of the Council are the best answers. The policy of the Council dictates that it shall be non-profit, non-commercial, non-partisan and its name, as well as the names of its officers, cannot be used in any way other than its prescribed work.

A basic and undeviating rule governing the Council is that it shall not seek to guide the educational or administrative activities of the school nor influence its programs, the President, Deans or faculty. This has never been violated. Further, no officer, director, or member of the Council is invested with any right to attempt to interfere with the curriculum of the College, its class organization, faculty assignments, or any of its operations. This has never been violated.

A function of the Council is to sow between faculty and parents, united efforts to advance the general welfare of the students and faculty and to reinforce the College for present and future students. There have been many examples of where this has been accomplished. For example, funds contributed by parents helped defray the cost of furnishing some of the rooms occupied by students in the Franklin Plaza Apartments development. The cost of installing air conditioning in the College auditorium was covered by parents; as was the purchase of a new Steinway grand piano and Hammond organ for the same auditorium.

The question of fund raising is one that is occasionally raised as being one of the main reasons for a Parents' Council. This is not so. The record proves that the Council is not a fund-raising organization even though funds are collected to support the plans and projects of the College. There are very few events in which the Council is involved which are devoted to fund-raising. Most affairs, such as dances, week-ends away at outstanding hotels, socials, testimonial dinners, all organized by the Council, are non-profit. The cost





# —to Give, to Learn

of the buffet suppers which cap each open meeting are provided by Dr. Snyder.

One of the basic reasons for the strength of the Parents' Council is that it makes it possible for parents to express the feelings of pride and excitement at having their sons and daughters as students and future doctors at the College. Such feelings can not be bought and the Council is the means parents take to show their appreciation by serving and helping and it attracts men and women who serve without thought of personal gain or praise.

## LEADERS WHO LEAD

Leadership in the Council does consist of innumerable duties not the least of which is the force of personal example. Leaders in the Council have learned that when they give of themselves, when they show they are ready to help, others stand and offer to help as well.

The present corps of leaders in the Council provide a diversified picture: Mrs. Ella Scher, President, is the wife of a renowned plastic surgeon and an attorney; Joseph McGreevy, First Vice President, is a scientist; J. Kenneth Haher, Second Vice President, is a chemical engineer; James McGroarty, Third Vice President, is in the New York City administration; Jack Teich, Treasurer, is in industry; Mrs. Sophie Goldstein, is the wife of a Judge; Harold R. James, Corresponding Secretary, is a pharmacist; and Sidney Cohen, Chairman of the Graduate Division, is a food importer.



*A distaff group of volunteers sort, fold and stuff envelopes for the annual Stock Award mailing*



*Dr. Sylvester J. Carter, noted hand surgeon, speaks to the Parents' Council.*

The activities of the Council are spread over the entire year. Considerable detailed planning makes it possible for virtually all parents to participate. All are cooperative ventures and nearly every member of the Board of Directors is a volunteer member of every committee that is organized.

Open meetings are utilized to inform all parents, present and graduate, of Council activities and of the projects and plans of the College. Generally, there were three but the schedule is now set at two. The first open meeting in September is designed to welcome parents of Freshman students and includes the tour of the school. Election of new officers is held at this meeting. The winter open meeting serves to review past events, and future plans.

Dr. Snyder has attended all of these meetings and has spoken on such subjects as problems of medical students, factors to consider in choosing fields of practice, selecting and financing a medical career, marriage and the medical student. He previews Commencement Day plans and announces the projected plans of the College. Other meetings have featured Dr. Bernard M. Wagner, Chairman of the Department of Pathology, Dr. Sylvester J. Carter, noted hand surgeon and Dr. Warner F. Bowers, Director of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences.

An unusual activity is Freshman Parents' Receptions annually held during September and October in the homes of Officers and Directors of the Council, residing in different boroughs, towns, counties and states.

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# *Alumni* *June 1,*

*Using a special lens, the camera catches most of the large crowd that attended the annual Alumni Banquet at the Waldorf on June 1, 1965.*

One of the largest gatherings in the history of the Alumni Association—over 400 persons—filled the Gold Room at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on the evening of June 1 when Dr. Ralph E. Snyder, President and Dean, was host at the annual President's Reception for alumni from all over the country. The Banquet followed in the Starlight Room of the same hotel.

*Dr. David Lehr, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology, also received the Alumni Medal.*





# Banquet

1965



*Dr. Sheridan W. Shirley, '53 (right), recipient of the Medal of the Alumni Association, and Dr. E. Lawrence House, Professor in the Department of Anatomy.*

Earlier in the day, the alumni gathered for luncheon in the foyer of the College followed by the annual business meeting of the Association.

Recipients of the Medal of the Alumni Association were Dr. Frank E. Fierro, '33, Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at the College and president of the Association for the past three years; Dr. David

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*Jackson E. Spears, new Chairman of the Board of Trustees, speaks to the alumni.*

*Dr. Saverio Bentivegna, '50, was the guiding spirit behind his class reunion.*



# washington irving

## FLOWER PROFILES

BY

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Your curator has recently had the good fortune to obtain a pamphlet entitled, "A Review of Some of the Late Reforms in Pathology and Therapeutics," written by John C. Peters of New York in 1859. It is of singular interest for three reasons, (1) John C. Peters, a physician interested in homoeopathy was one of the early workers active in obtaining a charter for the college; (2) the pamphlet is distinctive for it is dedicated to "The Memory of Washington Irving," who had been a patient of Dr. Peters for many years; and (3) the pamphlet contains an appendix on the illness of Washington Irving. It is of such interest not only to the historian but the the lover of early American folk-lore that I have chosen it for this issue of "Flower Profiles."

In the April 4, 1860 issue of the New York Times Supplement appears a two-page spread on "Washington Irving—Commemoration of the Birth and Death of the Great Historian—with Eulogy Delivered Before the New York Historical Society by William Cullen Bryant.

"No tribute of respect to the memory of the greatest of American historians could have been more appropriate or have emanated from a more fitting source, than that offered last evening by the New York Historical Society. The Academy of Music was fairly filled with those who came to assist in the ceremonial; an assemblage representative of all that is most cultivated and refined in metropolitan society, and all eagerly expectant of the panegyric which a native poet of universally acknowledged talent had been selected to pay to the fame of the illustrious historiographer of the Knickerbockers. At the appointed hour, Mr. Bryant took his place before the footlights, and was received with tumultuous applause."

Washington Irving was born in New York on April 3, 1783, but a few days after the news of the treaty with Great Britain, acknowledging American independence. At this time, the city of New York contained scarcely more than 20,000 in population. The city hardly stretched up to Warren Street; Broadway soon became lost among grassy pastures and tilled fields. The park, which now contains City Hall, was an open common. Beyond it, among the meadows, ran a small stream (the Kolch) of fresh water, and followed along a course now known as Canal Street, where it emptied into the Hudson.



The 400 Club is a singular, group of persons whose annual support is significantly instrumental in implementing the College's plans for the future – to augment its faculty, enrich its teaching programs and expand its research.

Drawn from the College faculty, parents of the students, alumni and loyal friends of the school, each member has pledged to contribute at least \$250 or more to the College annually.

Members of the 400 Club receive no monumental reward except an inspiring alliance with medicine and its constantly exciting progress towards alleviating the ills that beset mankind.



The city contained a mixed population drawn from the different countries, but the descendants of the old Dutch settlers still were in the majority, and many continued with the quaint customs and speech of their ancestors. Many lived in typical homes built of small yellow bricks brought from Holland, with notched gable ends on the streets, which, with the language, has since disappeared.

Bryant clearly described Irving's early childhood and boyhood impressions. "The generation" said Bryant, "with whom Irving grew up read the *Spectator* and the *Rambler*, the essays and tales of Mackenzie, and those of Goldsmith; the novels of the day were those of Richardson, Fielding and Smollet; the religious world was coupled with the pages of Hannah More and Doddridge, fresh from the press; politicians sought their models of style and reasoning in the speeches of Burke and the writings of Mackintosh and Junius. These were certainly masters of whom no pupil needed to be ashamed, but it can hardly be said that the style of Irving was formed in the school of any of them."

For a more detailed description of this memorable speech the interested reader is referred to the photostatic copy of the original publication, now available in the curator's office.

## MR. IRVING'S LAST ILLNESS

Bryant speaks of Irving's late illness and describes his affliction as that of asthma with cardiac enlargement, as described to Bryant by Dr. Peters. For a more accurate description let us refer to Dr. Peters' writings and impressions. Peters first started to treat Mr. Irving and his family in February, 1852, and states he made 236 trips to Sunnyside, 266 professional visits to them in town and received 96 calls from them at his own residence. This certainly gave him a unique opportunity to record incidents and happenings of the illustrious Washington Irving. He spent many days and weekends at Sunnyside and one is indeed impressed by his careful observations and writing of Washington Irving.

"When I first was called to assume the position of physician to Mr. Irving, he had been in comparatively and even remarkably good health, at least for a person of his age; he was then engaged upon the first volume of his "Life of Washington" but had latterly begun to be troubled with vertigo, suggesting the fear of apoplexy, more from an overtaxed condition of his brain

than from any signs of failure of his general health. . . . Several of these fever-paroxysms were very severe and threatening; the feverish stupor, at times, amounting to a close approach upon coma, and his tongue being so dry, brown, and parched as to lead to the fear that his state would deepen into a dangerous typhoid condition. From these he generally recovered in from seven to ten days, and quickly regained his usual state of health; so that the successive volumes of his last great work were little or none delayed by sickness."

Peters then recounts his summons to see Washington Irving, who had been thrown violently from his horse, and received severe contusions upon his head and chest, attended with much pain and extensive ecchymosis. He was summoned by the following note:

"Dear Sir: I send our coachman down to see if it is possible for you to come up at once. Our uncle was thrown from his horse this morning, and, I fear, is considerably hurt; for a time he had no recollection of anything that had happened; after that he seemed better, but is now suffering very much with a pain in his chest, and great difficulty of breathing; he is still not able to move without assistance. Will you come up in the earliest morning train.

C. Irving."

When Dr. Peters arrived at Sunnyside, he found Mr. Irving in bed; his head, face, eye and forehead were severely and extensively contused, but he made a complete and satisfactory recovery from this accident. Apparently although quite a good and fearless horseman, Irving had previously on several occasions had similar accidents.

It is of singular interest to note that Washington Irving suffered from chronic sinusitis (in Dr. Peter's era called, "a catarrhal affection of the head"). This Dr. Peters attributed to Washington Irving's occasional exposure in sleeping under trees on his lawn, or on his piazza on a cane settee, and by often walking out into the open air without a hat, overcoat or thick shoes in bad weather. For this condition Dr. Peters prescribed "Good-ale's Catarrh Remedy" which was snuffed up into the nostrils with drying of the catarrh. Ultimately he developed asthma and at first Dr. Peters thought the difficulty in breathing was due to some myocardial ("affection of the heart"). In January 5, 1859, Dr. Peters wrote to Oliver Wendell Holmes, as follows:

"You were kind enough to make a few suggestions for Mr. Irving's benefit; unfortunately, all his friends mistake his case, and he is overwhelmed with remedies

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## Parents' Council

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Freshman parents are invited from each area to introduce them to the Council, its purposes and its reasons for being.

The Council gave two dinners in honor of Dr. Snyder. The first was held on March 17, 1961 at the Advertising Club and more than 250 parents and friends attended. On March 20, 1965, on its Fifth Anniversary the Council again honored its founder, Dr. Snyder, with a highly successful dinner dance at the Hotel Astor. Over 300 parents, friends and academic department heads attended.

The Annual Fund drive of the College enjoys impressive participation by the parents. Its onset is always marked by spontaneous activity among the parents.

*Parent and faculty gather to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the founding of the Parents' Council and to honor Dr. Ralph E. Snyder, its founder.*



This year an Advance Gifts cocktail party was held in the Students' Lounge to begin the drive. Other activities have included some very successful telethons consisting of "in person" calls by husband and wife teams as well as detailed organizational programs on a national, regional and local level.

Response of the Parents is obviously predicated on their understanding of how the annual fund assists the College in augmenting its program with unrestricted funds for the institution, money which can be spent where it is needed most by the Administration without it being designated for specific programs. In the 1961 drive, the Parents' group recorded the largest increase in number of contributors, 89%, which not only has been maintained but has been improved upon in ensuing years. Averages show that over 70% of parents annually contribute, an unequalled percentage in such endeavors.

Parents have helped the 400 club since it was organized on March 23, 1961. Members of the club pledge themselves to contribute a minimum of \$250 or more annually to the Fund and each member wears a special insignia. The same energetic support is given the Commemorative Fund where a donation will send a certificate to any person either being honored or commemorated.

In December, 1962, the Council offered for the first time, participation in a stock award on a limited basis. Introduced by Mrs. Scher, the project has proven to be an outstanding financial success. The rights to win 10 shares of stock derive from 500 tickets being sold at \$10 each.

Parents have worked in the Volunteer Department at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals to help meet the complex needs of a major hospital. The Council is also completely in charge of a Thrift Shop where many

items such as clothing, bric-a-brac and costume jewelry are sold at low prices. Staffed completely by volunteer parents, the merchandise is also contributed by parents and friends. Another service is the sale of gold charms with the medical caduceus and the initials of the school. And there are such committees as Archives, Hospitality and Office Workers Unlimited.

Still another annual event are weekends-away at leading resort hotels which are run at cost with the only order of business being social.

Parents' Council is represented at Commencement Day by the Dean Ralph E. Snyder Award to a meritorious student. It consists of bronze plaque and a \$100 cash gift. The student is chosen by the Dean.

Like New York Medical College, the story of the Parents' Council is a story without an ending. Its future is an unlimited as its devotion, energy and loyalty.





*The Class of '55's Reunion was spearheaded by Dr. Leon Root.*



*Dr. Snyder presents one of the "Deserving Mate" certificates awarded to wives of graduating seniors, all of whom were guests of the College at the Banquet.*

### *Banquet* (Continued from page 13)

Lehr, Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology; and Dr. Sheridan W. Shirley, '53.

Dr. Snyder described the attendance "as a high testimonial to the loyalty of the alumni to the College." He said that the new class in September, 1965, will have representatives from 62 colleges and nine states and that 19 of the new students will be sons and daughters of the alumni. He added that "we will continue to direct every effort to return to our alumni the same devotion they return to the College." And he pointed out that applications for admission to the College continued to increase annually along with a parallel upturn in the academic qualifications of the applicants. Unfortunately, this results in an increasing



*After awarding two Medals of the Alumni Association, Dr. Frank E. Fierro, '33, President of the Association for the past three years, is in turn presented one by Dr. Snyder.*

turndown of sons and daughters who do not match these academic standards.

Members of the class of 1940, celebrating the 25th anniversary of their graduation, received silver certificates. The entire class of 1965, and their wives, were guests at the Banquet. Special "Deserving Mate" certificates were awarded the wives of the newest members of the Alumni Association.

The classes of 1935, 1950 and 1955 provided post-banquet social activity by holding private reunions that included dancing and a midnight supper in separate suites in the same hotel. The class of 1930 held their reunion later in June at the Hotel Pierre.



for asthma alone; but, it is right to say to you that Mr. Irving has enlargement of the heart in addition, and that much of his difficulty of breathing, and apparent catarrhal trouble, arises from an obstructed circulation, which leaves his pulmonary and bronchial mucous membranes more or less congested. If you can make any further suggestion for his benefit I can assure you that it will be most faithfully tried, and with a most earnest desire that it may relieve one whom I love inexpressibly."

There is no record of a reply from Holmes. In spite of his failing health, Washington Irving completed four volumes of the "Life of Washington" with no unusual delay. After he had completed the fifth volume of the "Life of Washington" he suffered from complete insomnia. Irving's health now rapidly deteriorated and the greater part of the winter of 1858-59, was engrossed with loss of sleep, attacks of asthma, obstinate coughs, indigestion, feebleness and nervousness. Dr. Peters

states that during this period of illness, Pierre M. Irving, Washington Irving's nephew, scarcely left his uncle. He would read to him, and make daily visits to the Astor and Society libraries for a fresh supply of books, most of which unfortunately offered little pleasure to Irving.

Of further interest in Peter's tales of Washington Irving is that medical consultation was available but was not desired by Irving because of his great faith in Dr. Peters. Peters wanted the advice of such outstanding physicians of the time as Drs. John F. Gray (a founder of our college) Alexander B. Hossack, B. F. Barker, Alexander B. Mott and others.

On November 28, 1859, at the age of 77, Washington Irving died, surrounded by his family and close friends Dr. Peters, his close friend, adviser and physician has recorded forever a monumental description of this great American, of which only a small part is herewith reproduced.

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### 1915

**Dr. Ralph L. Cudlippe, Sr.**, was honored by the medical staffs of Massena Memorial Hospital and Potsdam Hospital at a dinner at the home of **Dr. William Carson** of Helena, N. Y. in celebration of his 50 years in medicine. **Dr. Cudlippe** is a member of the staff of the Potsdam Hospital, the St. Lawrence County Medical Society, the American Military Surgeons Association and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

### 1921

New York Medical College has announced the appointment of **Dr. Pincus Albert Stahl** to the post of Clinical Instructor in Medicine and Assistant Physician.

### 1928

After almost 37 years with New York City's hospitals, **Dr. Saul Penner** will retire to spend time with an easel and a carving knife. In addition to his interests in painting and wood carving, **Dr. Penner** has also served as a ship's surgeon. He may open a private practice in Hillside, N. J., where he plans to retire.

### 1929

**Dr. Malley H. Friederwitzer** lectured to the physicians of the Department of Health of the City of New York on "The Coming of Age of Gamma Globulin." This lecture will be reprinted in the **New York State Journal of Medicine** in the fall of 1965.

### 1930

On February 4, 1965, **Dr. Saul A. Schwartz** delivered a paper to the Bronx-Lebanon Medical Center. The subject of his lecture was "The Diagnosis of Portal Hypertension by Splenoportography, Splenomanometry, Endoscopy, Hepatic Wedge Pressure and Liver Biopsy."



# notes

"Heart Disease in the Middle Years and How to Protect Your Heart."

## 1939

The International Board of Proctology in New Orleans, La., has elected **Dr. Joseph P. Catania** of 140 Passaic Street, Garfield, N. J., a Certified Diplomate in Proctology. **Dr. Catania** practices surgery in Garfield and is the first associate in the first surgical division at St. Mary's Hospital in Passaic, N. J.

## 1941

The International College of Surgeons has named **Dr. Frank Tellefsen** of Port Richmond, Staten Island, a Fellow of the College. He is also a Fellow of the American Society of Abdominal Surgeons and the International Academy of Proctology and a Diplomate of the National and International Board of Proctology.

**Dr. Milton M. Willner** has been appointed Director, Regional Medical Offices of Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc. He is a resident of Maplewood, N. J.

## 1943

**Dr. Morris Bass** has moved his offices to 835 Clinton Avenue, Newark, N. J. 07108.

**Dr. (Colonel) Anthony N. Fazio** of 14 Stephan Mare Lane, New Hyde Park, N. Y., was among 400 active and non-active duty reserve officers of the Air Force Medical Service attending the recent 36th Annual International Aerospace Medical Association meeting in New York City. **Dr. Fazio** participated in a series of programs that revealed the latest advancements in the medical aspects of aviation and space travel. He is director of anesthesiology at Brooklyn Hospital.

## 1945

**Dr. Alfred Baldassare** of 21-75 36 St., Astoria, died on January 8, 1965, of acute myocardial infarction. He is survived by 2 daughters, Marianne and Elaine, and his wife, **Dr. Anna M. Arroyo**, '45. **Dr. Arroyo** will continue to practice at the same address.

Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania has awarded the honorary degree of doctor of medicine to **Dr. Jane C. Wright**. In addition to a distinguished career teaching research surgery, **Dr. Wright** presently serves as Director, Cancer Chemotherapy Service Research at New York University Medical Center.

In November, 1964, **Felix Wimpfheimer** was elected to a fellowship in the American College of Physicians.

## 1947

**Dr. (Lieutenant-Colonel) Jerrold L. Wheaton**, Commander of the 803rd Medical Group at Davis-Monthan AFB in Arizona, attended the recent 36th Annual International Aerospace Medical Association Meeting in New York City.

## 1950

Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc. has recently appointed **Dr. V. D. Mattia** to the post of executive vice-president. He is also the Chairman of the Advisory Board of Rutgers Medical School and was elected to the Board of Directors of the Bank of Nutley, N. J.

## 1952

**Dr. Frank S. Flor** writes that he has been practicing OB-GYN in Bethlehem, Pa., since 1957, following his residency at the Mayo Clinic. In 1964 he was appointed Chairman of the Department of OB-GYN at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem.

New York Medical College has announced the appointment of **Dr. Solomon** to the post of Clinical Instructor in Medicine and Assistant Physician.

## 1955

**Dr. Vitale H. Paganelli** recently spent a month in the medical clinic at Jocotan, Guatemala, to bring medical assistance to the mountain people of this area. **Dr. Paganelli** has practiced medicine in Glens Falls, N. Y., for seven years. He resides at 61 Elm Street in Glen Falls with his wife and 6 children.

According to a letter from **Dr. Dale von Prief Fardelmann**, **Dr. John Dietel** has recently died. After an internship at the Rochester General Hospital and specialty training at the New York Hospital, **Dr. Dietel** practiced OB-GYN as a member of the Hitchcock Clinic in Hanover, New Hampshire, for five years. **Dr. Dietel** is survived by his wife, Hester, a son, David, and a daughter, Molly. A memorial fund is being established and any caring to associate with this endeavor may write to the John Dietel Memorial Fund, Hitchcock Clinic, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Presently chief of the Gastroenterology Service at Wilford Hall USAF Hospital, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, **Dr. Gerald W. Parker** was recently elected a fellow of the American College of Physicians and promoted to Major, USAF, MC.

After completing his training at Johns Hopkins in 1962, **Dr. Frank Shuster** is engaged in the practice of Neurology in Baltimore, Md.

## 1932

From **Dr. Michael J. Fisher**, we hear that he was appointed attending-in-charge of the Division of Proctologic Surgery at the Maimonides Hospital and the Coney Island Hospital, Brooklyn; is on the surgical faculty at Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn; serves as Comitia-Minora to the Kings County Medical Society, representative to the Joint Conference Committee of the Maimonides Hospital; is on the Executive Committee of the Phi Delta Epsilon Medical Fraternity and has a new grandson, **Erik Stephan Fisher**.

## 1933

**Dr. Mayer S. Kaplan**, whose son begins his freshman year at the College in September, 1965, has moved to 1708 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11212.

## 1935

**Dr. Dean W. Smith** informs us that his son, Dean T. Smith, is a sophomore at Wayne State University Medical School. This will make the fourth generation of doctors in the Smith family.

At the session of angiology for the Pan American Medical Association Convention held Thursday, April 29, 1965, at Miami Beach, Florida, **Dr. Martin M. Fisher**, in addition to being appointed chairman, presented a paper titled, "Current Advances in Peripheral Vascular Diseases." On April 20, **Dr. Fisher** presented a paper for the New York State Podiatric Society. The title was "Peripheral Vascular Diseases in Relationship to Podiatry." **Dr. Fisher** recently lectured on "Phlebitis" at the request of the New York County Medical Society on radio station WNYC.

## 1937

**Dr. Maurice Re** of Cumbermeade Rd., Fort Lee, N. J., spoke at a meeting of the Cliffside Park Women's Club on



**Dr. John D. Clark** notifies the **Chironian** that he has successfully completed all of the requirements, including the Board Examination, for the American Board of Plastic Surgery and is now a Diplomate. **Dr. Clark** lives at 711 Oak Hill Avenue, Hagerstown, Md.

## 1956

**Dr. Ronald J. Pion** writes from Seattle, Washington, that he is an assistant professor doing teaching and research. He and his wife now have a son, Jeffrey, and a daughter, Dana. **Dr. Pion** also says that he had a letter from **George** and **JoAnn Hare**—without a return address. . . . At last record, this was 440 Enclio, Haddonfield, N. J.

## 1957

**Dr. Owen E. Heninger** writes: . . . I was: Certified in Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in December, 1964, and entered full time private practice of Psychiatry in Whittier, Calif., in March, 1965. At the Southern California reunion, I met other members of our class (1957)—the **Harold Reikes**, the **Arthur Zimmermans**, **Ray Reynolds**, **Jeff Zeidner** and, of course, **Larry Chusid**, one of the organizers of the affair.

. . . On our trip back to New York City for the Certification Examination we dropped in for a chat with **Dr. Arthur Jensen** at the College and over to see **Jack Harrison** in his new office at the new Met. We couldn't help but muse how different we felt about New York with an M.D. and certification in Psychiatry under our arm as compared to those first days in 1953 when we approached N. Y. from the far west (Utah) with a B.S., a toothbrush and a few savings bonds.

Just finishing his third year in Pediatric partnership with **Dr. Doug Perry** in Bristol, Conn., is **Dr. G. O. E. (Jerry) Jensen**. He and wife Barbara have just had another boy, David Andrew. This makes 2 girls and 2 boys.

**Dr. David N. Levy** announces the opening of his office at 327 Central Park West in New York City for the practice of General Psychiatry. He is board eligible now in that specialty and has recently completed a seminar in hypnosis.

**Dr. Michael L. Daly** is in general practice in Windson, Vermont. His family now numbers three, two boys and one girl.

## 1959

At a ceremony at Walter Reed Hospital, **Dr. William Dunbar Mahoney** was pro-

moted from captain to major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. **Dr. Mahoney** began a residency in surgery at Walter Reed in 1962.

## 1960

**Dr. Allan M. Lothenberg** has opened an office at 84-39 153rd Avenue, Howard Beach, Queens, N. Y., for the practice of pediatrics.

The Elizabeth General Hospital Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of **Dr. Floyd J. Donahue** of 523 Jersey Avenue to the Medical Staff as clinical assistant in the Department of General Surgery.

**Dr. Werner A. Lissauer**, in association with **Dr. Harold L. Kayser**, is now practicing internal medicine and cardiology at 1930 South Federal Boulevard, Denver, Colorado.

The grand award winner for an essay published in **The New Physician** is **Dr. John C. Duffy**. **The New Physician** is the journal of the Student American Medical Association. The award consists of a check for \$500.00 and a plaque presented at a luncheon in Chicago at the Palmer House. **Philip Thorek, M.D.** is guest speaker. This is the second time **Dr. Duffy** has received the Grand Award. He also received it in 1961, while an intern at the Henry Ford Hospital. At the present time, **Dr. Duffy** is a fellow in Psychiatry at the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Medicine.

## 1961

In June 1965, **Dr. Charles Cavaretta**, Capt., MC, United States Army, completed his residency in internal medicine. For the next two years he will be in the Army Medical Corps at William Beaumont Hospital, El Paso Texas. According to **Dr. Cavaretta** . . . "Current status of private population explosion is two boys and two girls."

**Dr. Robert Glassman**, a general practitioner, has relocated his office to 131 Lafayette Avenue, Suffern, N. Y. **Dr. Glassman** is a member of the County Medical College and is on the staffs of Good Samaritan, Nyack and Ramapo General Hospitals.

A daughter, Adrienne Sue (4 lbs., 5 oz.) was born to **Dr. and Mrs. Robert Gonsharek** on December 21, 1964. **Dr. Gonsharek** is now completing his third year of residency in OB-GYN at Meadowbrook Hospital and has one more year before entering the Air Force.

**Dr. James T. Horne** and wife, Diana, announce the birth of their second son, Robert Allen, on February 24, 1965. His

brother, James Jr., is nearly 5. **Dr. Horne** began a residency in plastic surgery at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., on July 1.

## 1962

At the recent 36th Annual International Aerospace Medical Association meeting in New York City, **Dr. (First Lieutenant) Alan D. Dauer** of 4833 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, California, took part in a symposium of key Air Force medical reservists. The doctor is in the 456th Medical Services Flight, an Air Force Reserve unit at Edwards AFB, Calif.

**Dr. Robert A. Insalata** just got back from Korea with the U.S. Army. He will begin a first year of residency in internal medicine at Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa.

A daughter, Lauri Rachel, was born April 22 to **Dr. Joel Hendler**, and his wife, Jackie, **Dr. Hendler** will shortly finish a tour at the Army Dispensary in the Pentagon (where **Dr. Reto Kaufman**, '62, and **Dr. Joe Marshall**, '63, are also stationed). He plans a short residency in San Francisco and then a return to New York for a residency in Medicine at a place not yet determined.

## 1963

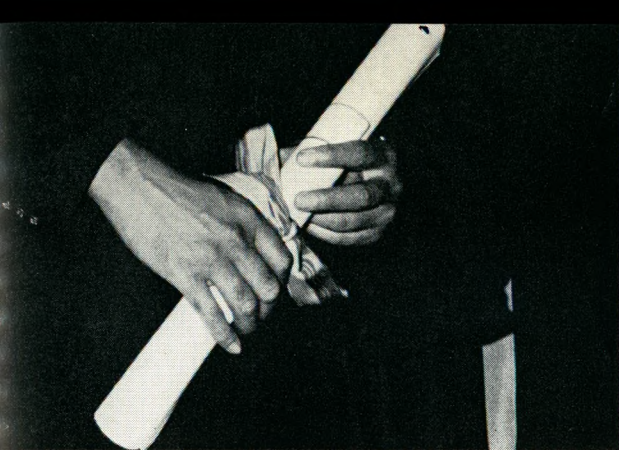
**Dr. Mary Ellen Cooney** has transferred from New York Hospital to the department of Anesthesia at Overlook Hospital, Summit, N. J., where she and her husband have bought a home.

**Dr. Albert A. Pineda** and his wife, **Dr. Barbara Salamone Pineda**, announce the birth of their first child, Stephen Joseph Pineda. **Albert** begins his second year of OB-GYN residency in July at Metropolitan Hospital. **Barbara** recently completed a pediatric residency at Metropolitan Hospital.

After completing his second year of residency at Lenox Hill Hospital, **Dr. Steve Carter** has been appointed Chief of the House Staff.

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# Commencement

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## 1965





(left to right) Mrs. Jerome Kummer, Dr. Kummer '44, Dr. James McNulty '44, Dr. Chester Svigals '44 and Mrs. Chester Svigals.



(left to right) Drs. Lawrence Chusid, '57; Raymond Reynolds '57; H. Jeff Zeidner '57 and Ralph E. Snyder, '50.

# Los Angeles



(left to right) Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Zimmerman, Yvonne Young.

California alumni were hosts at two highly successful reunions in April for Dr. Ralph E. Snyder, President and Dean of the College.

Dr. Robert S. O'Neill, Jr., '53, was the host for the San Francisco meeting on April 21 which had about 35 alumni gathered at Veneto's Restaurant for cocktails and dinner.

Dr. James V. McNulty, '43, arranged the reunion at the Los Angeles Country Club where about 70 alumni attended. Dr. Snyder, who was accompanied on the West Coast trip by Dr. Frank E. Fierro, '33, and Dr. Charles H. Thom, '41, gave a brief report to the alumni on the past and present progress of the College and outlined expansion plans for the future.



(left to right) Dr. Raymond Reynolds, '57; Dr. Frank E. Fierro '33; Dr. James McNulty '43; Mrs. Ann McNulty; Dr. Ralph E. Snyder '50 and Dr. Charles Thom '41.





(left to right) Mr. Gary Santis, Dr. F. J. O'Donnell '13, Dr. Alfonso Richards '56 and Dr. Snyder, back to camera.

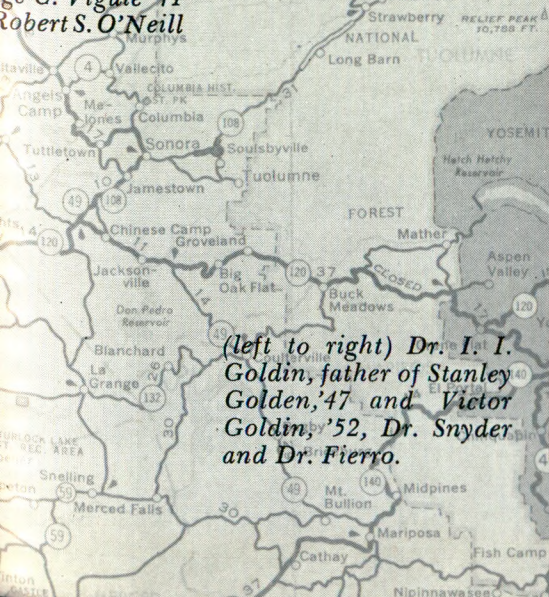
# San Francisco



(left to right) Dr. Thom, George C. Viguerie '41, and Robert S. O'Neill.



(left to right) Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. Fierro, Dr. Thom, Mrs. Goldberg, and Dr. Goldberg.



(left to right) Dr. I. I. Goldin, father of Stanley Golden, '47, and Victor Golden, '52, Dr. Snyder, and Dr. Fierro.





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